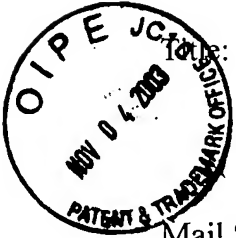


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The current elections of claims to be examined do not affect the named inventorship of the patent application.

Please enter these elections and commence examination of the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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